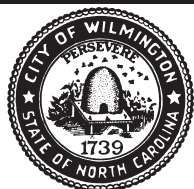




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Stormwater 341-4646
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City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are generally held on the
first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
and are open to the public. There is time for public
information at each Council meeting; interested
persons can sign up to speak for up to five minutes
by filling out a form at the City Clerk's Office located
in City Hall. Requests will be taken until noon the day
before the meeting. Meetings are held in City Council
Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall at
102 N. Third Street. Agendas for upcoming meetings
are posted on the city web site at
www.wilmingtonnc.gov

City Council Meetings on GTV8

Council meetings are broadcast live on GTV8,
the City Channel on Timewarner Cable. Council
meetings are replayed at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the week of the
meeting, as well as 11:30 p.m. the following week.

This Week From City Hall

You can catch a summary of City events and
activities on GTV8's "This Week From City Hall,"
airing twice daily at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., beginning
the Friday evening after every Council meeting. For
questions about programming on GTV8, contact
Station Manager Dylan Lee at 341-4675.

GTV8 online

City Council meetings, Planning Commission
meetings, "This Week From City Hall," and all
other GTV8 programming can be found on the
City's website, live or on-demand. From the front
page, simply click on "online videos." Then, select
the program you want to watch. If you are looking
for a particular Council meeting agenda item, you
can select the item from a drop-down menu after
choosing your desired meeting date. You can also
do a keyword search for the item. Windows Media
Player version 9 or higher is required.

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WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA

City of Wilmington Public Information Report

SUMMER 2008
Volume 5 Number 3

Parks, pools, programs and more!

Celebrate Summer!

July 4th
Riverfront Celebration
Water Street
Food and entertainment, 5 - 10 pm
Fireworks 9 pm

July 3-6
Star-Spangled Weekend
(Rededication of the USO)
2nd and Orange Street
July 3-6

Inside this Issue:

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- USO Building
- Drainage Projects
- Summer Camps

Special Insert:

Public Utilities
2007 Drinking Water
Quality Report

Got a minute?

We'd love to hear from you...
Let us know what you think
about the newsletter and what
you'd like for us to include in
future issues...

Call us or email us at:
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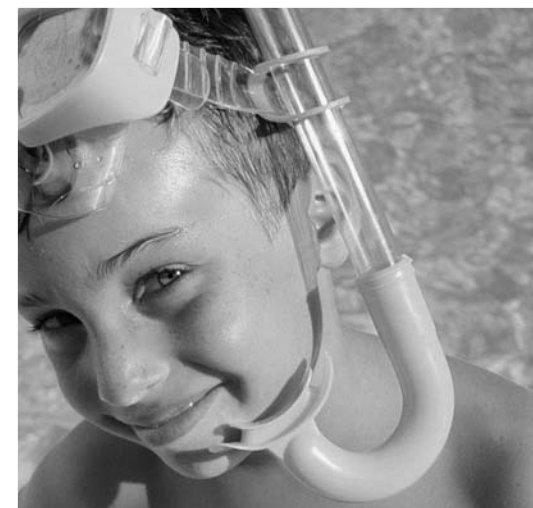
The city offers a variety of programs and
facilities for citizens to enjoy all year long,
especially during the sunny summer months.
Take a look at the type of offerings available
and call or check out the city's website to get
more information.

Seniors! Programs range from tennis to
golf, ceramics, bocce ball, day trips and more.
For a complete program schedule and more
information, call Tiffany Lesley at 341-7523.
For Senior Golf Association information,
call 270-2460.

Kids! For the little ones, experience the Fit
for Fun Center, the Skate Park at Greenfield
Lake or the Summer Nature Series Wednesday
evenings at Halyburton Park. There is also a
variety of summer camp options from adven-
ture oriented camps, to nature camps to the
day camps offered at three community centers.
With so many fun things to do in Wilmington,
why go anywhere else.

Make a Splash! City swimming
pools are open to the public through August
23. Pools are open every day except Sundays.
Admission is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult.
Check wilmingtonrecreation.com for hours
of operation.

- **Northside Pool, 341-7865**
750 Bess Street (opens June 9)
- **NEW! Northside Splashpad, 341-7855**
750 Bess Street (opens late June)
- **Robert Strange Pool, 341-7864**
410 South 10th Street (opens June 9)
- **Legion Stadium Pool, 341-7863**
2131 Carolina Beach Road (now open)



Golf! Come by and play a round of golf
at the city's municipal golf course, located at
311 S. Wallace Avenue just off Pine Grove
Road. The 18-hole course opened in 1926 and
was designed by Donald J. Ross. For more
information, call 791-0558.

and more! The city also maintains
almost 30 city and neighborhood parks where
you can enjoy walking trails, tennis, day trips,
a fitness center – the list goes on!
For more information:

- www.wilmingtonrecreation.com
- www.wilmingtonnc.gov
- 910-341-7855-Programs
- 910-341-7852-Parks

Swim Lessons
Red Cross Progression Swim Lessons
at Legion Stadium Pool

Sign up? More information?

910.799.6820
YWCA 2815 S. College Road





Historic WWII USO Renovated

The \$2.3 million project to renovate the Hannah Block Historic USO Building (formerly known as the Community Arts Center) began in April 2007 and was scheduled to be complete in May.

The Hannah Block Historic USO Building is one of only a handful of WWII USO buildings still standing in the country. USO (United Service Organization) centers opened around the world during WWII as a "Home Away from Home" for military personnel.

Renovations to the building include an addition of nearly 1,800 square feet, renovations to the basement, reconfiguration of the stage, and refinishing of the building's ceilings and floors. The lobby area is being restored to its wartime appearance and will serve as a museum featuring artifacts from the World War II era.

Star Spangled Weekend in July
The "Star Spangled Weekend" will be a history-making event as the city rededicates the newly renovated building on July 3.

Wilmington has been proclaimed as "America's World War II City" by the Wilmington City Council. Other events scheduled for the July 4th weekend include a big band dance on July 4 and an open house on July 6.

Bond projects Maides Park, Amphitheater and Splashpad

Improvements to parks and facilities continue as the city moves forward with projects funded by the 2006 Parks and Greenspace Bond. Following is an update on current projects underway:

Maides Park

Work has begun on improvements to Maides Park, located at 1101 Manly Avenue. A monument acknowledging the Maides family, who donated the land to the city in 1963, has been placed in the park.

The \$1.35 million project is funded primarily by the Parks Bond and is expected to take about one year to complete.

Improvements include expansion of the existing Derick G.S. Davis Community Center, picnic shelters, walking trails, improved parking and security. A shelter and restroom facility and athletic field lighting have already been completed.



Mrs. Mary Mosely unveils the monument at Maides Park

Greenfield Amphitheater

The \$1.2 million project to renovate the Greenfield Amphitheater has been completed.

The amphitheater is located at Greenfield Lake Park and was originally built in 1962. Renovations included an expanded cover for the stage, an adjoining stage house with shower and dressing facilities, new concessions and restroom buildings and new landscaping. The project was completed on time and within budget.

The first event in the newly renovated facility will be the 16th annual performance of Shakespeare on the Green in June.



Greenfield Amphitheater renovations are complete

Northside Splashpad

Coming in late June 2008 is the City's first Splashpad! The Northside Splashpad will be located adjacent to the Northside Pool located at 750 Bess Street and features interactive water play for all ages! The Splashpad is a fully automated, zero-depth recreational system that includes features such as geysers, water cannons, dumping buckets and much more! The spray park will remain open through October 2008 for the season and reopen in April 2009.

Drainage Projects Market Street/Northwoods Neighborhood

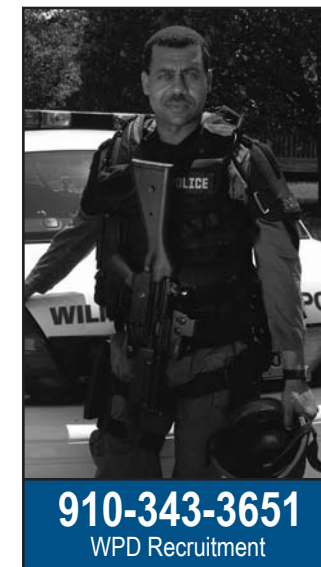
The area of Market Street just south of Station Road is no longer prone to excessive flooding, thanks to the recent completion of a \$1.2 million stormwater improvement project.



Stormwater project along Market Street

The project involved the installation of underground pipes ranging in diameter from 18 to 54 inches and an improved drainage channel, which carries water away from Market Street to an outfall along Station Road. The Stormwater Services Division takes on large projects such as this one through a five-year capital improvement plan.

Additional drainage projects currently underway include the Rileys Branch and Market Street/Inland Greens Improvements, as well as the rehabilitation of the Greenfield Lake Spillway, which is visible from South 3rd Street.



Think you've got what it takes?

The Wilmington Police Department is currently accepting applications for its next Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2008. To learn more:

Visit

wilmingtonnc.gov

Call

WPD Recruitment at 343-3651

Email

Officer Myron Irving
myron.irving@wilmingtonnc.gov



Trash pickup fee increase proposed

City trash customers may see a small increase in their bills starting in September. The average city customer has one 90 or 95-gallon trash cart, which would result in an increase of \$3.10 for a two-month billing cycle, or \$1.55 a month.

Trash from city customers is taken to local landfills, which charge the city for each truck that dumps trash at their facilities. A 5 percent increase has been proposed to cover increased charges from operational and landfill costs.

Any fee increase would take effect in July when the 2008-09 budget is adopted and would appear in the September billing. For the few customers that have more than one trash cart, the fee would be based on how much trash each customer generates.

To learn more, call 341-7875. Remember, your bi-monthly fee includes not only trash pickup, but also yard waste pickup, recycling and bulky items such as refrigerators (by appointment). To get a free recycling bin, call 341-7875.



Summer Activities

CAMPS

Halyburton Park, 341-0075

June 16-20, Ages 7-9, 8-12 noon

July 21-25, Ages 10-12, 8-4:30pm

Adventure Pathways, 341-0836

July 7-11, Ages 10-13, 8-4:30pm

Eco-Adventure, 341-0836

August 4-8, Ages 10-12, 8-4:30pm

Fit for Fun, 341-4630

(for kids under 5)

July 21-25, 10am-12 noon

Special Olympics, 341-5876

Held in June and July (call for info)

Summer Day Camps

(Ages 7-14)

Williams Hayes Center, 762-4966

Hemenway Center, 341-4633

Martin Luther King Center, 341-7866

PROGRAMS

Adult Surfing Clinic, 341-0836

June 26, 9-11 am

\$45 per person

Registration deadline: June 19

Intracoastal Fishing Boat Tour

341-0836

July 16, 9-11 am

Cost \$25 adults, 12 and under \$15

Basic Kayak Safety, 341-0836

June 11 and August 13, 6-8 pm

\$15 Cape Fear Paddler member

\$20 non-members

Registration deadline: June 5 and August 7

Halyburton Summer Nature Series

Wednesday evenings June-August

Pre-registration is required

341-0075